

## Patricia Hamill

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### Practice Overview

As Co-Chair of Clark Hill's Title IX and Campus Discipline practice, and with decades of experience in complex litigation matters, Patricia brings a strategic approach to each matter. Her deep legal expertise is matched by her tenacity to push for best outcomes for her clients, and she never forgets that her clients need not only legal expertise but also empathy and support. Patricia's approach is captured perfectly by a client's description of her as "an incredibly gifted lawyer who not only knows the detailed nuances of Title IX law and the university processes but also has the street smarts and toughness that only come from years of experience. Her calm, confident, and strategically aggressive style successfully guided our family through a difficult time."

Patricia's practice is nationwide. She represents college students, faculty members, and administrators in campus disciplinary proceedings and in litigation following flawed disciplinary processes. She is a skillful negotiator who works to resolve matters without the need for litigation. When that is not possible, Patricia has been successful in bringing lawsuits around the nation for violations of Title IX (or other civil rights statutes), breach of contract and tort liability on the basis that colleges' disciplinary processes failed to ensure fundamental due process rights, discriminated on the basis of sex and breached contractual obligations.

Patricia is a frequent speaker, commentator and writer on Title IX and is sought out by groups and institutions to share her knowledge and to advocate for how best to meet the needs of students and faculty in the ever-changing legal landscape involving Title IX case law and regulations. Given her expertise, she has testified before the Department of Education and was invited to testify on due process issues before the United States Senate's hearing on "Reauthorizing HEA: Addressing Campus Sexual Assault and Ensuring Student Safety and Rights" in Washington DC (April 2019) (read the press release, read Patricia's opening statement, or watch Patricia's opening statement).

Outside of the firm's Title IX and Campus Discipline practice, Patricia is a commercial litigator representing clients in complex commercial litigation in a variety of industries, including technology, insurance, and securities. **Recognitions**

- The Legal Intelligencer Pennsylvania Legal Awards – Distinguished Leader (2024)
- 2023 National Law Journal Employment & Discrimination Trailblazer
- Chambers USA, Litigation: General Commercial, 2019-2023

- Testified before US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) at the full committee hearing on “Reauthorizing HEA: Addressing Campus Sexual Assault and Ensuring Student Safety and Rights” in Washington DC (April 2019)
  - Selected as a Leading Lawyer for General Commercial Litigation in Chambers USA, The Client’s Guide to America’s Leading Lawyers for Business (2020-present); Recognized Practitioner (2019)
  - Listed as a “Local Litigation Star” in Benchmark Litigation, Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Attorneys
  - Named a 2019 Pennsylvania Trailblazer by The Legal Intelligencer for her legal work related to Title IX
  - Selected by The Legal Intelligencer as the recipient of its 2018 Power Player Award for her legal work related to Title IX
  - Selected as a Philadelphia Inquirer 2019 Influencer of Law Winner for Business Litigation
  - Named among The Best Lawyers in America® for Commercial Litigation (2010-2024); Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2020-2024) by Best Lawyers
  - AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
  - Listed as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer (2010–present)
  - Listed on the Top 50: Women Pennsylvania Super Lawyers List (2019-present)
  - Listed on the Top 100: Philadelphia Super Lawyers List (2022)
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**Education:** University of Maryland School of Law, J.D. - Juris Doctor | Bryn Mawr College, B.A. - Bachelor of Arts, with honors

**Bar Licenses:** Pennsylvania

**Court Admission:** U.S. District Ct., E.D. of Pennsylvania | U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

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